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SUBJECT: MEETING NOVEMBER 13-16 OF US-USSR JOINT
COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

1. PRIOR TO FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE IN
SEPTEMBER 1972 US CHAIRMAN RUSSELL E. TRAIN STOPPED IN
BRUSSELS TO BRIEF COUNCIL ON FORTHCOMING MEETING. WITH
THIS PRECEDENT IN MIND, USNATO MAY WISH TO INFORM ALLIES
IN APPROPRIATE FASHION THAT SECOND MEETING OF JOINT
COMMITTEE IS TAKING PLACE IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 13-16.
PLANS FOR MEETING DO NOT, IN OUR OPINION, INCLUDE ANY
ITEMS THAT WOULD AROUSE PARTICULAR INTEREST AMONG ALLIES,
SINCE THEY ARE GENERALLY AWARE OF NATURE OF ONGOING
PROGRAM. THEREFORE WE WOULD PLAN TO SEND REPORT
FOLLOWING MEETING, WHEN ALLIES WILL WANT TO BE INFORMED
OF SPECIFIC COOPERATION PLANNED FOR UPCOMING YEAR.

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2. FOR PRESENT, THEREFORE, USNATO MAY AT ITS DISCRETION MERELY INFORM ALLIES OF FOLLOWING: (A) CHAIRMAN TRAIN AND SOVIET CHAIRMAN E. K. FEDOROV HAVE AGREED THAT PRESENT PROGRAM IS AMPLE ENOUGH IN SCOPE THAT NO NEW PROJECTS ARE TO BE UNDERTAKEN, SO THAT THRUST OF MEETING WILL BE TO SEEK MORE SUBSTANTIVE COOPERATION IN AREAS ALREADY SET FORTH. (B) MEETING IS EXPECTED TO ISSUE

REPORT ON LAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES AND TO ADOPT NEW MEMORANDUM OF IMPLEMENTATION SETTING FORTH SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR 1974. (C) MOST OF THE THIRTY PROJECTS AGREED UPON LAST SEPTEMBER HAVE BEEN COMMENCED AT LEAST TO EXTENT OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS BEING HELD, BUT IN FEW CASES HAVE GROUPS PROGRESSED BEYOND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND SHORT-TERM VISITS OF SPECIALISTS. FAMILIARIZATION PROCESS HAS BEEN USEFUL, IN US VIEW, BUT HARDLY REVELATORY. IF WORKING GROUPS DIG DOWN DEEPER INTO SPECIFICS THIS YEAR, COOPERATION SHOULD BE MORE REWARDING. (D) FOR ITS PART, US BELIEVES THAT RECORD OVER FIRST YEAR -- ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF BUREAUCRATIC DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING PROGRAM STARTED -- HAS BEEN FAIRLY GOOD, AND PROSPECTS FOR MEANINGFUL US-USSR COOPERATION AS PROGRAM CONTINUES ARE GOOD. (E) AS BEFORE, US WILL REITERATE THAT, AS PROVIDED FOR IN AGREEMENT, RESULTS OF JOINT WORK WILL BE SHARED WITH THIRD COUNTRIES INTERESTED.

3. FOR TOKYO, ABOVE INFORMATION MAY BE PASSED ALONG TO JAPANESE AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION.

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